

# **FORT McMURRAY WATERFRONT PARK REVITALIZATION PROJECT**



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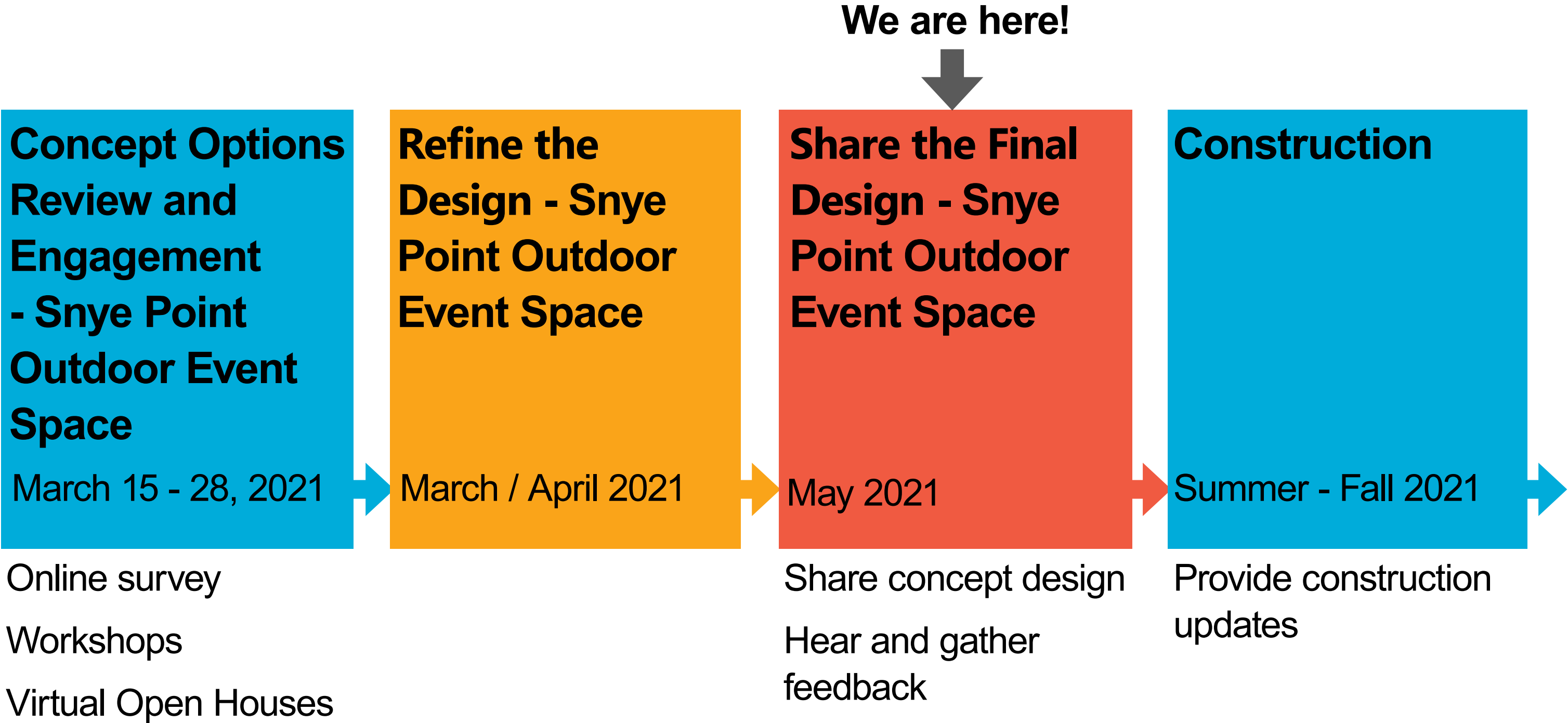
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# STATUS UPDATE

## PRIORITY AREA 1





# **PRIORITY AREA 1 KEY CONSIDERATIONS**



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# FINDING THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN:

- **Budget:** work within the budget for Priority Area 1
- Building in **floodplain** – consider damage and key investment locations. Support flood protection.
- Support **truth and reconciliation**
- **Flexible:** successful during large events, every day use and support different programming
- **Four season** park
- **Natural park** reflective of surrounding landscape
- **Accessible** and welcoming to all
- **Walking, cycling** and opportunity for **cross country skiing** important
- Work collaboratively to build a **community driven design** that everyone will be proud of
- **Parking** is important as is vehicular **access to Snye Point**
- **Touch the water** – both motorized, non-motorized and aeronautical

# PREVIOUS CONCEPT OPTIONS



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# OPTION DIFFERENCES

## OPTION 1 - CLEARWATER COMMON



## OPTION 2 - Snye LANDING



### LEGEND

- ① PEDESTRIAN TRAIL (NAME TBC)
- ② GREAT LAWN / CEREMONY AREA
- ③ Snye POINT / FIRE PIT
- ④ BOAT LAUNCH
- ⑤ BEACH
- ⑥ FLEXIBLE USE AREA
- ⑦ PARKING
- ⑧ SUREKHA'S



PEDESTRIAN AREA



VEHICULAR ACCESS



PERIODIC VEHICULAR ACCESS



0 20 60 100M



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# **SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HEARD**

## **MARCH 2021**



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# SUMMARY OF WHAT WE HARD

- Support **truth and reconciliation**
- **Walking, cycling** and opportunity for **cross country skiing** important
- **Accessible** and welcoming to all
- Support **large outdoor events**
- **Parking** is important as is vehicular **access to Snye Point**
- **Support to move Morimoto Drive** to the south
- **Touch the water** – both motorized, non-motorized and aeronautical

- **Participate Wood buffalo**  
**Online Engagement:**  
450 survey submissions
- **Virtual Indigenous Partners and Stakeholders Engagement**  
**Workshops:**  
15 workshops - 65 participants
- **Virtual Open Houses:**  
2 live events with 33 participants



# PREFERRED CONCEPT



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# PRIORITY AREA 1



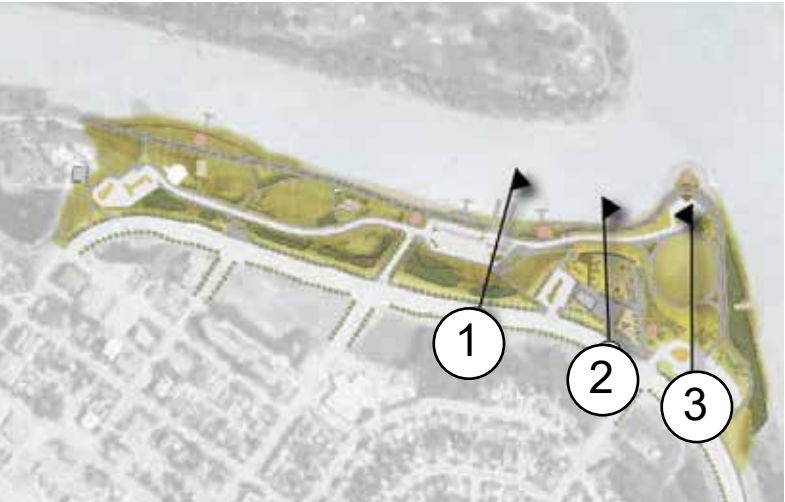
# PRIORITY AREA 1 - WEST



# PRIORITY AREA 1 - EAST



# PRIORITY AREA 1 - SECTIONS



SECTION 1 - Hardin Street Parking Lot



SECTION 2 - Art Plaza



SECTION 3 - Great Lawn

# DESIGN DIAGRAMS



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# INCORPORATE INDIGENOUS CULTURE



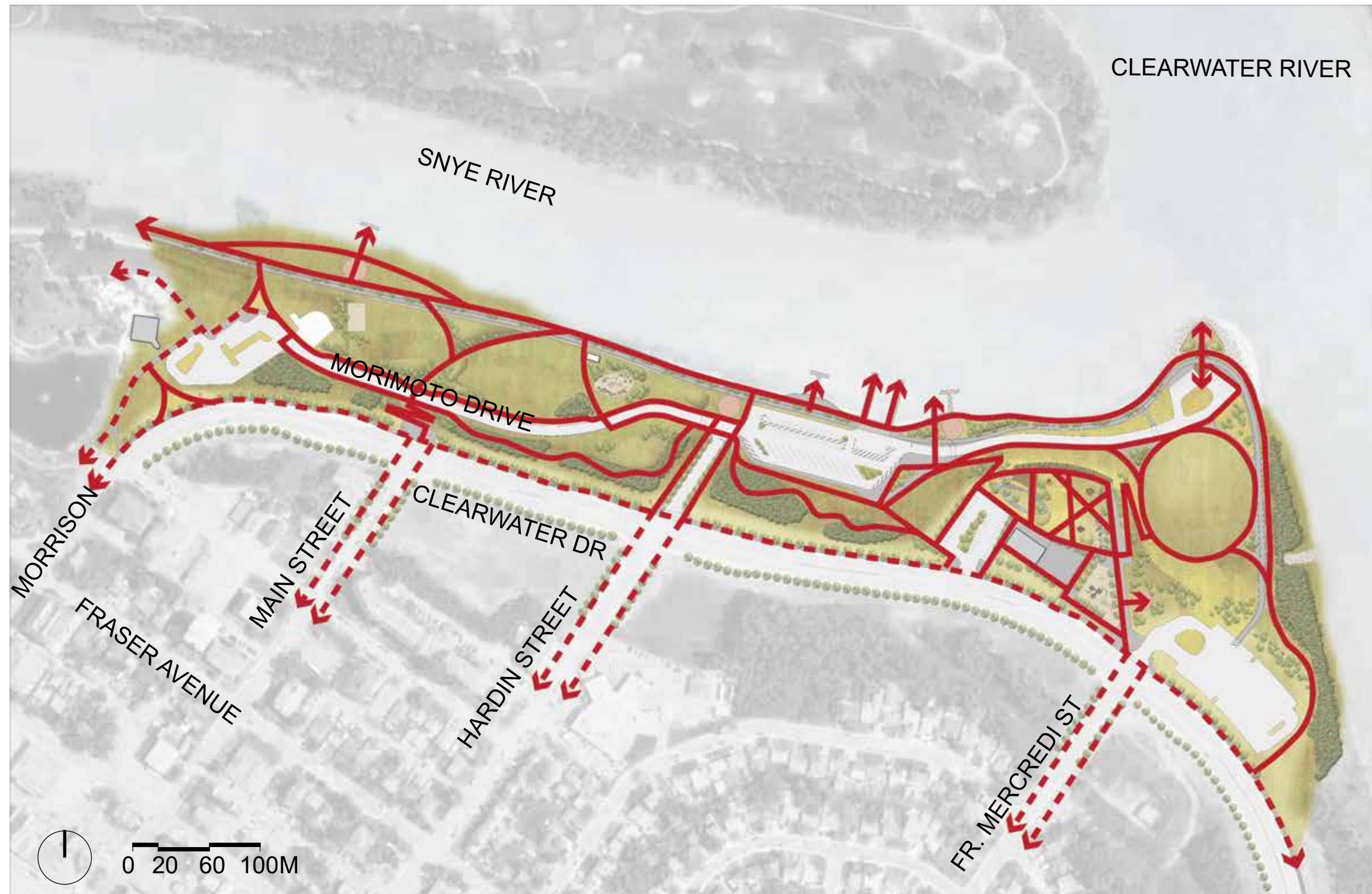
Incorporate First Nations and Métis art, history, culture, storytelling and significant plant material through:

- Marker poles
- Trail - name TBC
- Signage + wayfinding (English, Cree, Dene, Michif)
- Significant plant material throughout + around Welcome Circles
- Art incorporated in Discovery Moments + Art Plaza

**Note: elements will be designed following collaborative discussions.**



# PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS



- Increase park porosity and accessibility
- Connections to Clearwater and downtown core
- Cross country skiing / snowshoeing opportunities



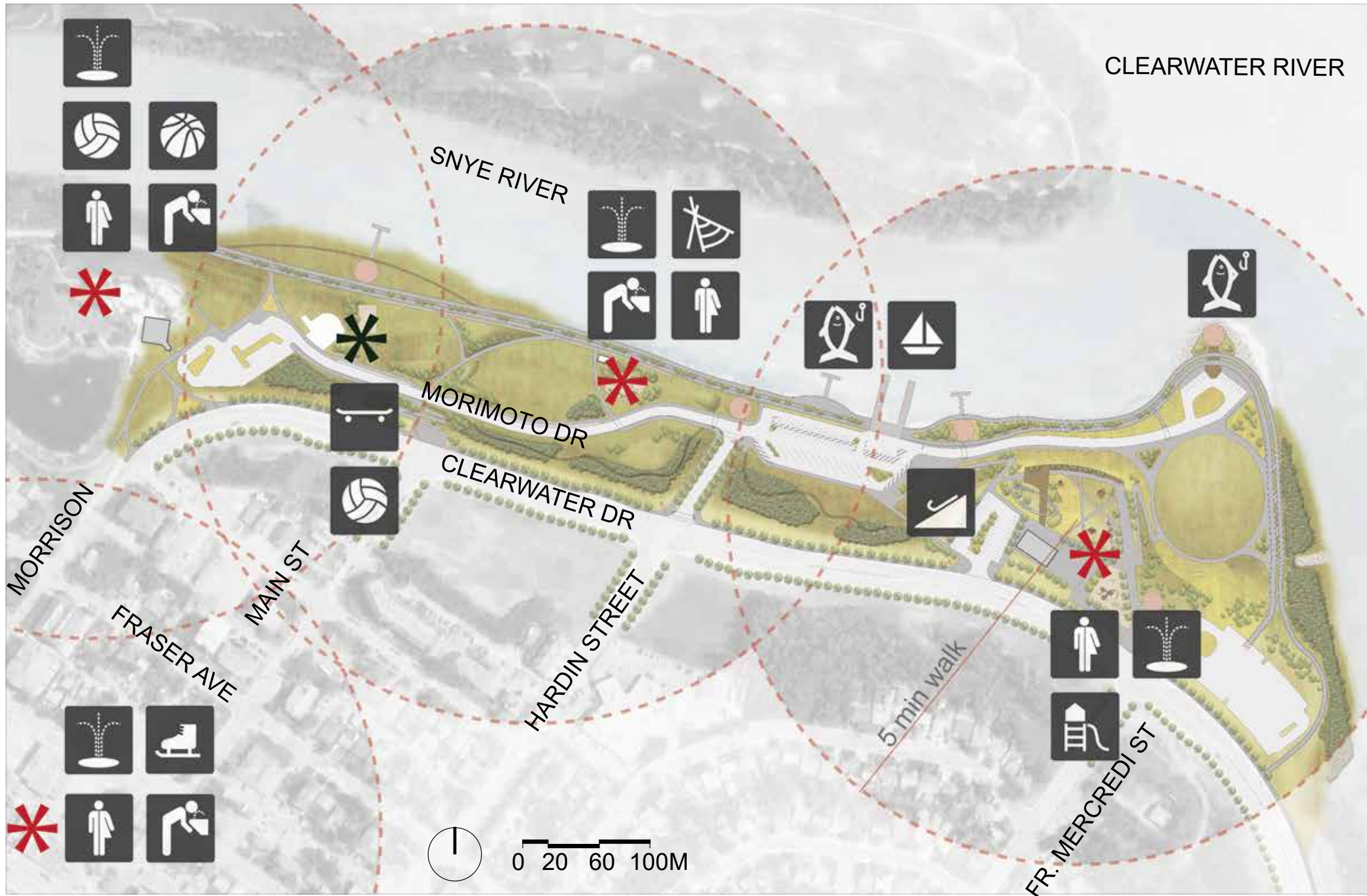
# VEHICULAR CONNECTIONS



- Vehicular movement within the park
- Connections to downtown core



# SITE + ADJACENT PROGRAM USES



## Park Features:

- 1 additional WC in park
- 1 new natural play feature
- 1 new 'minor' play feature
- Volleyball relocated by skate park

(Note: 5-minute walking circles)

### MP Program Suggestions:

- Civic plaza / playground
- Seasonal skate rink
- Enhanced parking
- Boat launch
- Restored natural areas
- Trans Canada Trail-head
- Event / heavy traffic area

# DISCOVERY MOMENTS



# EVENT SETUP AND CIRCULATION



1. Primary large event space with power and reinforced turf: Great Lawn
2. Event vehicular movement
3. Secure vehicular entry
4. Public drop-off plaza
5. Alternative event area / Art Plaza
6. Alternative event area / west flexible use areas



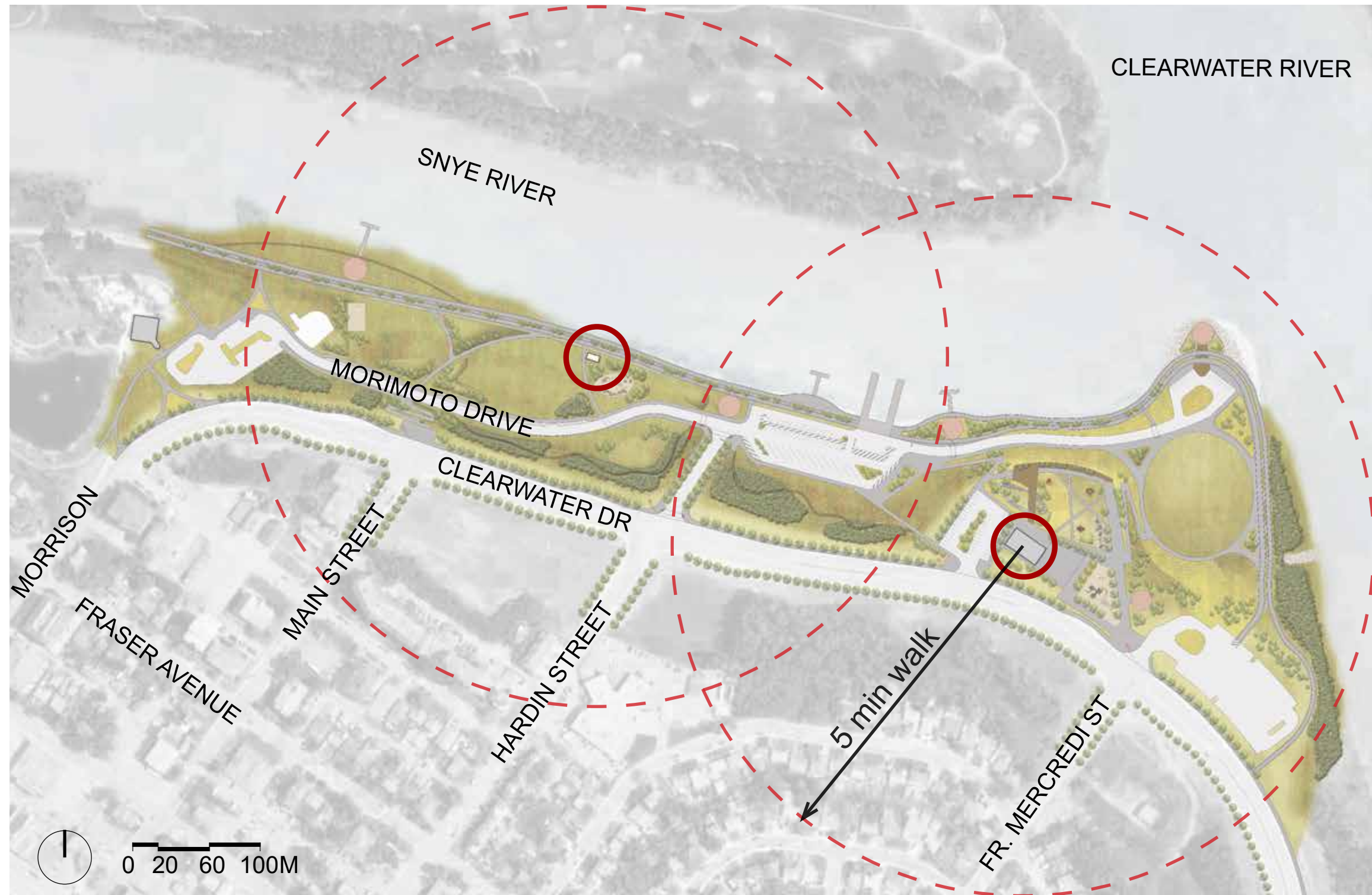
# VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES



- Vendor opportunities south of cycle track
- Parallel parking along Morimoto Dr can include designated vendor opportunities
- During a large event, such as Ribfest, vendors can be located to the north and south of the large flexible pedestrian area



# WASHROOMS



- Existing public washroom at restaurant
- One proposed washroom: new natural play feature + water element
- Located away from SnYE Point due to potential ice damage

Note: 5 minute walking circles.



# PERSPECTIVE ILLUSTRATIONS

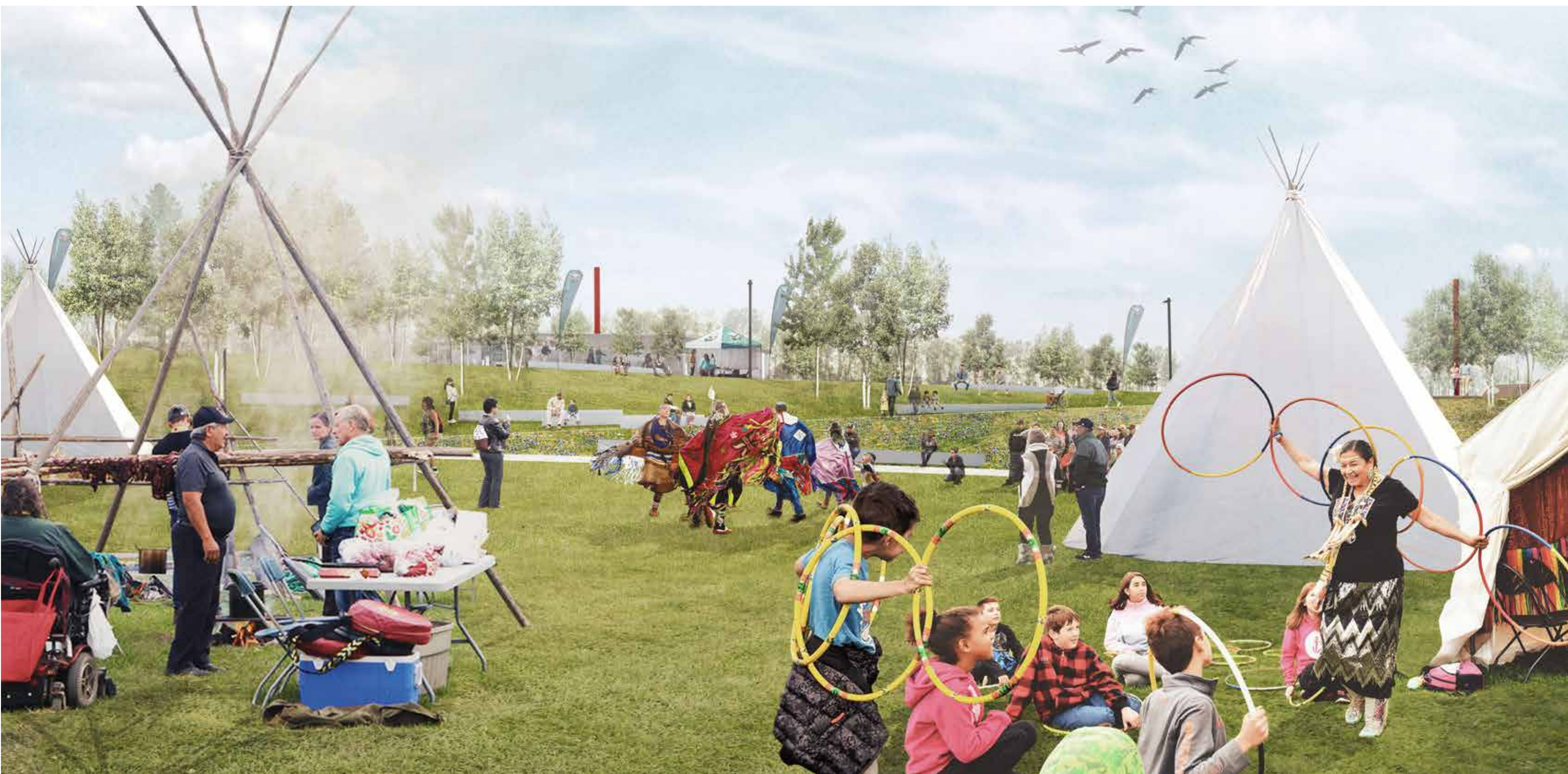


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# CULTURAL FESTIVAL IN GREAT LAWN



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# SCULPTURAL EDGE IN ART PLAZA



# NATURAL PLAY IN FLEXIBLE USE AREA



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# WELCOME CIRCLE





# WHAT MAKES THIS PARK UNIQUE?



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# COMPLEX LAYERS - SIMPLE PALETTE



- Strong community driven design to create destination park
- Significant and meaningful inclusion of Indigenous Culture
- Integrated signage and wayfinding ((English, Cree, Dene, Michif))
- Natural park design
- Natural play opportunities
- Strong park 'bones' to support current uses and future evolving community needs
- Comfortably accommodate large events while being open to the public
- Balanced flood and capital investment programming locations
- Fully accessible + welcoming (physically and culturally)
- Incorporated guiding principles
- Resilient design



# QUESTIONS + COMMENTS



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